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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 December 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

**Claim 1-6,9** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ishikawa (JP 11-052140).

*Regarding Claim 1,*

Ishikawa (Figure 5) discloses direct backlight-type liquid crystal display device, including a liquid crystal panel (above prism (7) [0030]), lamps (does not show more than one lamp but disclosed in paragraph [0053]) which are disposed in the rear of the liquid crystal panel, a reflection plate (4) which is disposed in the rear of the lamps (8), and a die-cast frame (41) for supporting the reflection plate (4), wherein the die-cast frame is an integral structure comprising outer frame pieces (41a) having projecting pieces which project toward the liquid crystal panel and at least one or more linkage pieces (41b) which are provided for linking the longer sides of the outer frame pieces to each other; an aperture space which is enclosed by the outer frame pieces and the linkage pieces is formed; and a space for accommodating the lamps therein is formed by the projecting pieces.

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Regarding Claim 2,

Ishikawa (Figure 5) wherein the linkage pieces (41b) are provided with mount fixing portions (construed as the bottom frame and the liquid crystal frame coming together to mount all the layers together) for mounting the reflection plate.

Regarding Claim 3,

Ishikawa (Figure 5) wherein the outer frame pieces are provided with mount fixing portions for mounting a frame of the liquid crystal panel.

Regarding Claim 4,

Ishikawa (Figure 5) wherein the outer frame pieces are provided with through-holes through which lamp leads for connecting the lamps to a lamp lighting circuit board for driving the lamps are passed (is not shown but known in the art that lamps have drivers to provide it with electricity to function).

Regarding Claim 5,

Ishikawa (Figure 5) wherein the linkage pieces are provided on the rear side thereof with mount fixing portions for mounting an electronic circuit board and/or a power supply board (construed as the bottom frame and the liquid crystal frame coming together to mount all the layers together).

Regarding Claim 6,

Ishikawa (Figure 5) wherein the linkage pieces are provided on the rear side thereof with holding portions for holding (construed as the bottom frame and the liquid crystal frame coming together to mount all the layers together) leads which connect between

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electronic circuit boards and/or power supply board.

Regarding Claim 9,

Ishikawa ([0048]) wherein the die-cast frame is made of a lightweight metal including aluminum.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

**Claim 7** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishikawa (JP 11-052140) in view of Salimes et al (US 6476883).

Regarding Claim 7,

Ishikawa does not disclose wherein the linkage pieces are provided on the rear side thereof with mount portions for mounting the liquid crystal display device on wall mount fittings.

Salimes et al (column 6, rows 50-65) discloses wherein the linkage pieces are provided on the rear side thereof with mount portions for mounting the liquid crystal display device on wall mount fittings.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art to include Salimes et al's wall mounting to Ishikawa's display motivated by the desire to be able to mount the display to a wall.

**Claim 8** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishikawa (JP 11-052140) in view of Kuo (US 20030090864)

Regarding Claim 8,

Ishikawa does not disclose wherein the linkage pieces are provided on the rear side thereof with mount portions for mounting the liquid crystal display device on a desk-top stand.

Kuo discloses wherein the linkage pieces are provided on the rear side thereof with mount portions for mounting the liquid crystal display device on a desk-top stand therefore user can place the display on their desk.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art to include Kuo's desk stop stand mounted to Ishikawa's display motivated by the desire to place the display on the users desk.

***Conclusion***

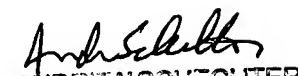
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lucy P. Chien whose telephone number is 571-272-8579. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571)272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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